

## LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

### Budget

Wednesday, May 6, 2009

5:03 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

**Present:**                      **Chair:**      **CM King**  
                                 **Vice-Chair:**      **CM Downard**  
                                 **Members:**      **CM Woolridge, CM Hamilton, CM Fleming, CM Kramer, CM Heiner,**  
                                                      **CM Butler & CM Blackwell**  
**Absent:**                                      **CM Johnson (excused absence)**

Chairman King began the meeting by introducing the members of the committee that were present.  
A quorum was established.

### Special Items For Discussion

1-                                      1.      Update from Dr. Paul Coomes on the Economic Condition

CM King stated Dr. Paul Coomes is present to help prepare the Council for the Budget work anticipated for the FY2009-2010 Budget Review process. Dr. Coomes will be returning in June. Dr. Paul Coomes gave a PowerPoint Presentation regarding The Current Recession and Impacts in the Louisville Region. The following was discussed:

- Arrival of the recession
- Factors
  - gas prices
  - housing marketing
  - job vs. self employment
- Recession slowing
  - hoped to have reached the bottom
- Stimulus funding
- Declining property evaluation

### POWERPOINT

2-                                      2.      Presentation by the Administration of Accounting for Bad Debts

CM King stated the discussion was centered on the recent issue of Phoenix Hill Apartments. Jane Driskell & Bruce Traugher were available for the discussion. The following was discussed:

- Note Receivable
  - Forgiving debt
  - Possibly written off in a previous Fiscal Year
    - Under what authority
- Assets in full amount on the books
  - Reserve against the asset
- Reflected in 2008 CAFR

### Pending Legislation

3-                                      ORD 62-04-09 AN ORDINANCE OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING ACTIONS IN THE STRUCTURING, STAFFING,

PLANNING AND PREPARATION OF ALL DOCUMENTATION, INCLUDING ONE OR MORE ESCROW AGREEMENTS, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE METRO GOVERNMENT IN ONE OR MORE SERIES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS TO REFINANCE ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS ORIGINALLY INCURRED BY THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE, THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON AND THE CITY OF LOUISVILLE PUBLIC PROPERTIES CORPORATION AS FURTHER SET FORTH HEREIN; SETTING FORTH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON WHICH THE BONDS ARE TO BE ISSUED AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE, ADVERTISED SALE THEREOF; AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE PREPARATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ONE OR MORE NOTICES OF SALE AND PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE BONDS; DEFINING AND PROVIDING FOR THE RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF THE BONDS AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AND TAKING OTHER RELATED ACTION.

**Status:** In-Committee  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:** Jim King

Motion to approve made by Mary C. Woolridge and seconded by Kevin Kramer

**Discussion:** Jane Driskell, Director of Office of Management & Budget; Daniel Frockt, Budget Director; Kevin Moore, Controller; Laura Thielmann, Bond Counsel with Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs; Greg Phillips, Financial Advisor with Hilliard & Lyons were present for the discussion of the item. A handout was distributed to the committee as requested for Bond Refinancing Information. (attached)

Ms. Driskell stated this was the requesting authorization of refunding of five bond issues. These issues are about a decade old and have reached an expiration date where they can be refinanced with a more favorable interest rate than when issued. This is currently the case in the market. The savings would reduce the amount of debt service needed in the next Fiscal Year. Ms. Driskell highlighted the Bond Refinancing Information. (attached)

By vote, the item was approved and sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

VOTE - For: 7; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 0

For: Jim King, Kelly Downard, Hal Heiner, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Mary C. Woolridge, Marianne Butler  
Against: (None)  
Abstain: (None)  
Absent: (None)

4- O-66-04-09 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 111 SERIES 2008, RELATING TO THE CAPITAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09, FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY TRANSFERRING \$52,000 OF STATE AREA DEVELOPMENT FUNDS BETWEEN CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE METRO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

**Status:** In-Committee  
**Committee:** Budget  
**Primary Sponsor:** David Tandy

Motion to approve made by Marianne Butler and seconded by Kenneth C. Fleming

**Discussion:** Colonel Craig Rogers, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Operations, stated the funds would purchase an EZ-IO Vascular Circulation Device for patient within severe distress where IV fluids cannot be distributed and is for resuscitative measures.

By vote, the item was approved and sent to **CONSENT CALENDAR**.

VOTE - For: 8; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Absent: 2

For: Kenneth C. Fleming, Jim King, Kelly Downard, Hal Heiner, Cheri Bryant Hamilton, Kevin Kramer, Mary C. Woolridge, Marianne Butler

Against: (None)

Abstain: (None)

Absent: Rick Blackwell, Dan Johnson

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R-69-04-09 A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO CAPITAL ORDINANCE NO. 111, SERIES 2008 UNRESTRICTING \$300,000 OF THE AQUATICS FACILITIES CAPITAL BOND PROJECT FOR PURPOSES OF AQUATICS IMPROVEMENTS IN SHELBY PARK.

**Status:** In-Committee

**Committee:** Budget

**Primary Sponsor:** David Tandy

This item was not addressed.

Motion to adjourn made by Kelly Downard; without objection the meeting adjourned at 6:40PM

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on May 14, 2009.**

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